

Letter of Introduction

My name is Leif L. (Hal) Rovick. I am 55 years old. I was born in San Francisco on August 16th 1955. My favorite color is Green.

I am married with six (6) children and five (5) grandchildren. I currently live with my wife Deborah and 3 of my children, one son-in-law, 2 grandchildren, my foster brother and his wife and my mother, aged 90. On the property we have 3 dogs, 8 chickens, two cats, one hamster and a few goldfish in my pond.

There are different reasons why I teach here.

1. I teach the ROP Cabinetry and Construction Tech classes because 12 years ago I thought it would be fun to share my knowledge (35 years) and time with a group of young people who would be interested in learning and sharing their knowledge. While I have found out that some students don't really care, it is those students who want to work with me that make me come back every year.
2. I teach beginning Woodshop because 4 years ago they had no one else to do it. So I took it on. It is more difficult than ROP because many students don't really want to be in the class and they act like it. The reason I stay with it is because of those students who need a place to use their hands and some of them may discover an interest in the building trades.

I have way too many interests. My current favorite is going traveling and building/rebuilding houses for people who cannot afford to do it for themselves or hire someone else. Other interests include solar energy, making my own lumber from local trees, building with Straw bales and fixing broken things. I like Soccer, gardening, Facebook and being with my family.

My project for this year is to make the shop be productive for all students and to build a better program, with your help, that will allow more students to learn daily.

My greatest ambition is to always being doing something that I enjoy and that will make the world a better place for people to live.